(e) No, Sir. Only a few instances of such failures have been reported.

(f) Action has been taken to stock sufficient number of spare printed circuit boards to meet such situations.

Post offices in Villages

1625. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise number of villages in the country which do not have post offices;

(b) State-wise number of villages having post offices at the end of December,, 1987; and

(c) by when the remaining villages are likely to be provided with post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is furnished in the statement (See below).

(c) There is no proposal to open a post office in every village. Only such villages as fulfill the prescribed norms are considered according to the targets laid down in each Five Year/ Annual Plan. The Seventh Plan (1985—90) envisages opening of Post Offices in about 6,000 villages.

Statement

Post Offices in Villages

Sl.No	State/Union Territory	No. of villages without post offices.	No. of villages having post offices as on 31-12-1987
1	Andhra Pradesh	12718	14,677
2	Assam	18903	3,072
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6026	230
4	Bihar	57157	10,317
5	Gujarat	10505	7,783
6	Goa	223	163
7	Haryana	4598	2,152
8	Himachal Pradesh	14470	2,238
9	Jammu & Kashmir	5180	1,287
10	Karnataka	18834	8,199
11	Kerala	[illegible]	4,086
12	Madhya Pradesh	61828	9,500
13	Mizoram	463	258
14	Maharashtra	29212	10,091
15	Manipur	1501	525
16	Meghalaya	4515	387
17	Nagaland	874	235

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18	Orissa	39550	6,988
19	Punjab	9059	3,280
20	Rajasthan	26142	8,281
21	Sikkim	326	113
22	Tamil Nadu	6022	9,789
23	Tripura	282	574
24	Uttar Pradesh	96222	16,026
25	West Bengal	30908	7,018
	Union Territories		
1	Andaman & Nicobar	423	66
2	Chandigarh	18	6
3	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	40	30
4	Delhi	99	115
5	Daman & Diu	13	13
6	Lakshadweep	..	10
7	Pondicherry	234	57
		4,53,345	1,28,197

Publication of Telephone Directories

1626. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the month and year of the publication and supply of the latest edition of telephone directories in English to the subscribers in Delhi and New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Lucknow, Kanpur, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Nagpur, Jaipur, Patna, Amritsar, Srinagar, Mysore, Bhopal, Trivandrum, Guwahati;

(b) the reasons for the delay in publication and supply of the telephone directories; and

(c) Earnings on account of the sale of directories circle-wise and languagewise during the last three years?